Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership
January Newsletter, 2019

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LARRP Meetings

Register Now!

LARRP General Meeting
January 10, 2019
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
The Amity Foundation
3750 S. Grand Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90007

LARRP is putting on a robust and impactful General Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2019, addressing some of the most current issues surrounding the reentry population! Our January agenda is the following:

- Accomplishments, Goals, and 2019 Priorities - Peter Espinoza, Executive Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
- Raising Awareness About Our Collective Behavior & Impacts on Public Policy - Dr. Ellis Jones
Dr. Jones' most recent and best known work is *The Better World Shopper* which is essentially a ratings guide for the public that shows corporations that operate ethically/morally - and which ones less so!

**Call to Action**

*Meeting postponed to Jan 22!!*

*Board of Supervisors to discuss Jail Construction Contracts for Mira Loma (women's jail) and CCTF jail*

**Action Needed!**

In their first meeting of the year, the BOS will hear updates on efforts to build two new jails in LA County. At a time when major reforms are reducing the need for jail beds, LA County continues their plans to spend over $3.5 billion on these projects. Please come out and let your voice be heard.

**The items of concern are:**
- Item 16, p.15 Mira Loma Women's Center Project Design-Build Construction Contract *Mira Loma Contract*
- Item 20, pp. 18-9 CCTF (Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility) Program Design-Build Construction Contract *CCTF Contract*

Please plan to be there from at least 10am-1pm, and bring snacks! Parking is expensive, so take public transportation or ride shares.

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Hearing room)**
500 W. Temple Street
Spotlight

**L.A. County needs to seriously rethink the Mira Loma women's jail**

By THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

JAN 02, 2019

The criminal justice system was built for men - men's bodies, men's psyches, men's problems. But the fastest-growing contingent of jail and prison inmates is women. They are housed in institutions not built with them in mind and are guarded by officers untrained to meet their needs and challenges.

*Read the Editorial*

Partner Events

Help Improve L.A. County's Voting Process

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

**Stern Grand Hall**

**(2nd floor of The Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion)**

**135 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

In 2020, L.A. County is transitioning from polling places to vote centers. Be a part of the process to help decide when, how and where people will vote in our region. Voting is about to get easier, AND you can help ensure the changes will work for all. On Saturday, January 12, join The Music Center and Arts for LA to learn more about forthcoming changes and share your feedback to improve the election process.

*Register*
DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

Civic Life for All Angelenos: Spotlighting the Immigrant and Formerly Incarcerated Experience

Wednesday January 9, 2019
6:00pm - 8:30PM
Tom Bradley Tower (27th Floor) at City Hall
200 N Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

As you may know, the Neighborhood Council system is the largest civic engagement system in the nation and we are unique in the fact that Angelenos can vote and run for office regardless of their immigration status, or whether or not they are formerly incarcerated.

The immigrant experience and the experience of people touched by incarceration are distinct however what is common is that their experiences at the neighborhood level are less visible to those who have had a different story. Topics such as public safety, economic development, and access to city services, may take on a different meaning for these groups.

Our goal with this convening is to illuminate the nuances, learn what is common to all of us, and to have a conversation from this specific area of activity --civic life. We hope to come together and answer the question, What would our work and the Neighborhood Council system look like if perspectives from these communities were included?

Please RSVP here so that we may arrange parking and dinner

Equally important, the 2019 Neighborhood Council Elections are underway and candidate filing has recently begun. We are committed to encouraging a wide and diverse range of candidates to file and apply their unique lens to decision making in their communities.
LA County Probation Reform and Implementation Team

Meeting
Wednesday January 9, 2019
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (HOA) Room 374A
500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles CA, 90012

This meeting is a focused dialogue about the Structured Decision Making Process and the Impact on LA County Probationers and the Department. It will explore the philosophy behind the tools and mechanisms that are used.

Just Leadership USA event

#WORKINGfuture campaign's Bill of Rights for Criminalized Workers

#WORKINGfuture

#1: THE RIGHT TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND PEOPLE-FIRST LANGUAGE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 3-4PM EST

Intro by
DeAnna Hoskins
President and CEO, JustLeadershipUSA

Moderated by
Dr. Divine Pryor
Executive Director, Center for NuLeadership and Urban Solutions

Panelists

Lester Young
South Carolina, Statewide Organizer, #WORKINGfuture

Quintin Williams
Field Building Project Manager, Heartland Alliance (I4LwC2018)

Lily Gonzalez
Chicano Studies Graduate Student, Revolutionary Scholars Co-Founder (I4LwC2017)

RSVP at bit.ly/wf-webinar

Webinar #1: The Right to Human Dignity and People-First Language

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 3-4pm EST

Register Here

4th Homeless Service Professionals Job Fair of Los Angeles

Thursday January 17, 2019
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM PST
L.A. Southwest College (Fitness & Wellness Center)
1600 West Imperial Highway, Los Angeles, CA 90047-4899
There will be 30+ employers in attendance, who are looking to fill hundreds of positions in the homeless services field throughout the greater L.A. area - everything from case managers and outreach workers to housing navigators, supervisors and executives.

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Volunteer for the Homeless Count
January 22-24

Every year, we conduct a census of the homeless population through the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The Count helps us better understand homelessness in our region and direct resources where they're needed most. We need at least 8,000 volunteers to canvas more than 80 cities and 200 communities across LA County.
- Tuesday, January 22: San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, & San Gabriel Valley
- Wednesday, January 23: South Bay/Harbor Cities & East and West Los Angeles County
- Thursday, January 24: Antelope Valley, Metro Los Angeles, & South Los Angeles County

**Sign up**

**YOUTH REINVESTMENT FUND TOWN HALL**

Friday, January 25th  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Wallis Annenberg Building 700 State Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90007

The Youth Reinvestment Fund is a $37.3M fund to help our vulnerable youth populations by using trauma-informed, community and health-based interventions, instead of arrest and incarceration.

**Register**

**Faith and Race: Challenging the Culture of Criminalization**

Saturday, January 26, 2019  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Holman United Methodist Church
3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90018

Register

The St. Joseph Center's Culinary Training Program
2019 class dates

Learn classical cooking techniques through hands-on classroom training and restaurant internship program. Our Internship Partners ensure that our students gain real-world professional experience. Based on their interests, students have been placed in 4 weeks internships at Partner sites ranging from institutional kitchens to fine dining restaurants.

More Info
Application

Jump Start Fellowship Training
Spring Session 25
April 8, 2019 - June 28

Jump Start is a 13 week, full time fellowship program for individuals who are interested in working in the adult community mental health field. The program's goal is to help participants get a job in the field. To achieve this, Jump Start's intensive program combines classroom learning with applied internships.

Upon graduation, Fellows receive a certificate as a Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist. It is a great program for people who need the experience to get their foot in the door.

For more Info and to Apply click here

News

Black women punished for self-defense must be freed from their cages
The Guardian, Thu 3 Jan 2019
Mariame Kaba

Black women have always been vulnerable to violence in the US. We have to
address the systemic and cultural issues that contribute to this... Read the article

How the FIRST STEP Act Became Law - and What Happens Next
The making of a historic criminal justice reform bill
Brennan Center for Justice, January 4, 2019
Ames Grawert, Tim Lau

Last month, the FIRST STEP Act was signed into law - a major win for the movement to end mass incarceration. Read the article

Jerry Brown Becomes Most Forgiving Governor In Modern CA History
By CALmatters, News Partner | Dec 27, 2018
In keeping with eight years of holiday tradition, Gov. Jerry Brown issued 143 pardons this week. Since 2011, he has pardoned 1,332 inmates. Read the article

Reports

Juvenile Arrest Rates on Steady Decline
This US Department of Justice bulletin describes the latest trends in arrests involving juveniles (youth younger than age 18) covering the period from 1980 to 2016, based on analyses of data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Overall, juvenile arrests have been on the decline for more than a decade, but patterns vary by offense
and demographic group.

Read the Report

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